### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Energy Resources Conservation And Development Commission

In the Matter of Complaint Against ORMAT NEVADA, INC. BROUGHT BY CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY Docket No. 11-CAI-02

Dated: September 6, 2011

Energy Commission Staff's Assessment Of Complaint and Answer

The assigned Committee in this matter issued a "Service of Complaint and Scheduling Order" in this matter on July 21, 2011. The Committee ordered the Commission Staff to prepare a written assessment of the Complaint and Answer, and file and serve said assessment within seven days of service of the Answer. As the Answer was docketed by Ormat Nevada, the Respondent, on August 29, 2011, Staff's assessment is due today.

Staff has reviewed the Verified Complaint dated June 28, 2011 and filed by California Unions for Reliable Energy (CURE) on June 30, 2011. The Complaint contains all of the required information pursuant to title 20, California Code of Regulations section 1231, except for the following two items. The Complaint does not list a telephone number for Ormat Nevada, but Staff believes that omission can be readily remedied. With respect to the declaration under penalty of perjury, it is signed by Elizabeth Klebaner, "attorney of record" for CURE. Section 1231, subdivision (b)(8) states that if the complainant is a corporation or business association, it must be dated, signed and attested to by an officer thereof. CURE's description of itself in the Complaint on page 3 states that it is "a coalition of labor unions." That description does not answer the question as to whether CURE is a corporation or business association and must have an officer sign the perjury declaration. Since the Complaint has been accepted by the Commission and served on Ormat, Staff believes that question should be posed to CURE at the Prehearing Conference and remedied, if necessary, at that time.

Staff has reviewed the Verified Answer of Ormat Nevada, Inc. filed on August 29, 2011. The Answer provides a substantial amount of information that will allow Staff to make a recommendation to the Committee. Staff issued a letter to Ormat Nevada on August 15, 2011, asking Ormat to respond to questions and provide additional information (the "engineering questionnaire"). Staff met with Ormat representatives on September 2, 2011, the same day Ormat's responses were due back to Staff. Staff has more follow up questions for Ormat and expects to receive additional clarification within the week.

Therefore, because Staff is still analyzing the information, Staff does not have a tentative conclusion to present. Staff will file its testimony on September 12, 2011 as required by the Committee's Notice of Prehearing Conference and Evidentiary Hearing, dated August 19, 2011.

Dated: September 6, 2011 Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT AGAINST

ORMAT NEVADA, INC. BROUGHT BY

CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY

Docket No. 11-CAI-02 (Revised 8/19/11)

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I, <u>Rhea Moyer</u>, declare that on, <u>September 6, 2011</u>, I served and filed copies of the attached <u>Energy Commission</u> <u>Staff's Assessment of Complaint and Answer</u>, dated <u>September 6, 2011</u>. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit or the Chief Counsel, as required by the applicable regulation, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:

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